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## **Art on City Plaza**

Three artists have been selected for the yearlong *Art on City Plaza* downtown Raleigh exhibition: Roger Halligan (Chattanooga, TN), Hanna Jubran (Grimesland, NC), and Bill Wood (Fairfax, VA). Located in the 500 block of Fayetteville Street, City Plaza was inaugurated in October 2009; since the opening, the Plaza has hosted numerous events, including Winterfest, First Night, live music concerts, and the Raleigh Downtown Farmers Market.



Summer & Spring by Jubran

"Art on City Plaza and temporary exhibitions like it are a win - an adventure for the people who use the area and the artists who are lucky enough to be included in the show," stated artist Bill Wood.

Art on City Plaza is sponsored by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, in partnership with Artspace and Visual Art Exchange. The sculptures exhibited will be "Yellow Tail" by Halligan, "Summer and Spring" by Jubran, and "Little Less" by Bill Wood.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be Saturday, September 18 at noon on the Plaza, in conjunction with SPARKcon Creativity Festival. For more info about the selected artists and artwork, visit <a href="https://www.raleighnc.gov/arts">www.raleighnc.gov/arts</a> (click on news).

## **Piedmont Laureate Call for Applications**

The Piedmont Laureate program will be accepting applications from creative nonfiction writers for 2011! Authors of works including biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, travel writings, and new journalism are eligible to apply. Writers must be residents of Alamance, Durham, Orange and/or Wake counties. **Deadline to apply is September 20, 2010.** 

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The 2011 Piedmont Laureate will receive a \$6,500 honorarium to present readings and workshops, encourage creative writing, and promote literature at select public events. For complete guidelines and

## Block Gallery over/under

Over/under brings the textural paintings of Kristan Five and Eduardo Lapetina and the haunting photography of Lizz Thabet to the municipal building Block Gallery, **Aug. 5 - Sept. 20**. Permeating throughout the work is an examination and exploration of human identity.

During *over/under*, Block2 Street Video Series features Lincoln Hancock & Miles Holst's film, *Radios Appear*, airing dusk to 2 a.m. in the window of Urban Design Center (133 Fayetteville St.). For more info, visit the Block Gallery online.



Title by Eduardo Lapetina

#### **Piedmont Laureate Words of the Month**

"Better," and we both giggled.

I hoisted myself into the driver's seat, and Ella Mae, lowered herself into the passenger seat. Behind the wheel, my confidence shifted. "You sure about this?" I asked Ella Mae. "I'm sure I need to try to give you your people. I myself don't like'em, but I cain't let my problems with'em be your problems with'em. People need family like craw fish need mud." She blew a half giggle of air to calm her own nerves."



Zelda Lockhart

To read additional excerpts from Part One of *Fifth Born II: The Hundredth Turtle* by 2010 laureate Zelda Lockhart, visit www.piedmontlaureate.com.

## Immigrant Gate II Dedication

Immigrant Gate II, a sculpture created by North Carolina artist Jim Gallucci, will be officially unveiled at its new permanent home in Millbrook Exchange Park (near the Community Center) on **September 9 at noon**.

The artwork is part of an important series of gate works created by Gallucci: "This gate was designed in remembrance of my family coming to America, as Italian immigrants, in the 1930s. America represented new challenges and a better future for their family. The design embodies the American ideal with the stars and waving stripes, and the symbolism is instantly recognizable to anyone in the world."



Immigrant Gate II by Jim Gallucci. Photo courtesy of Pigeon.

The dedication will feature remarks by Mayor Charles Meeker and artist Jim Gallucci, along with a Naturalization Oath Ceremony, followed by light refreshments.

## **Experience Great Art in the Parks!**

Local entertainers and art exhibitors are invited to participate in the Raleigh Parks & Recreation's Annual Fall Arts Fair at Sertoma Arts Center on October 2nd. Fair visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy various arts exhibits, sales and demonstrations, along with kids' arts activities, community environmental arts installations, a



Sertoma Arts Center

fishing derby on the dock, live performances, and much more. **Deadline to apply August 15.** The fair is co-sponsored by Sertoma and Pullen Arts Centers. For more info, contact <a href="mailto:jill.brown@raleighnc.gov">jill.brown@raleighnc.gov</a> (Sertoma) or <a href="mailto:eliza.kiser@raleighnc.gov">eliza.kiser@raleighnc.gov</a> (Pullen).

#### **Public Art 360**

Public Art 360 is holding their second conference in North Carolina! A great opportunity to learn about public art, the conference is taking place in Asheville, Sept. 23-25 at the Crest Center and Pavilion.



For more info: www.publicart360.com.

Images below: Block Gallery over/under reception.



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